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Hazardous Surf Expected through Wednesday; High Surf Advisory in Effect

The National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office Guam issued a coastal hazard message.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Wednesday. There is a high risk of rip currents. A large northwest swell will continue to cause hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet along west facing reef through Wednesday morning. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels Wednesday evening.

The community is advised to avoid venturing near reef lines and beaches, especially those facing west. Large breaking waves can cause serious injury. Strong rip currents will be life threatening. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind all residents and visitors to practice extreme caution if near the ocean. Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
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